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SUBJECT: TURKISH PRESS ON REOPENING AMERICAN BASES

1. THE TURKISH PRESS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15 CONTINUED TO GIVE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO ASSESSING THE RESULTS OF THE 12 OCTOBER ELECTIONS. MOST COMMENTATORS THOUGHT THE RESULTS POINTED THE WAY TOWARD DEVELOPMENT OF A TWO PARTY SYSTEM IN THE FUTURE. (SEPTEL).

2. ALI SIRMEN IN MODERATELY LEFT CUMHURİYET WROTE ON THE MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES TO BE FACED BY THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT NOW THAT THE ELECTIONS ARE OVER. ON TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS HE SAID: "... THE FUTURE OF TURKISH-
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AMERICAN RELATIONS HAS IMPROVED WITH THE SO-CALLED LIFTING OF

THE ARMS EMBARGO... AND THEY WILL BE AS GOOD AS BEFORE, BUT IN A DIFFERENT WAY....BUT EVEN WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE EMBARGO AND A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, THE DETERIORATION IN TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS CANNOT WIPE ITSELF OUT. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS HAVE SHOWN THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING INHOSPITABLE TO TURKEY IN THESE RELATIONS. IN ORDER TO PUT THESE RELATIONS ON A HEALTHIER PATH, IT IS NECESSARY FOR ANKARA TO REVIEW ITS PLACE IN NATO, AS WELL AS ITS ROLE, MUTUAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS IN ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH WASHINGTON AND TO GIVE UP ITS SUBMISSIVE POLICY"

3. IN MASS CIRCULATION HURRIYET ALI UTKU REPORTED THAT THE TURKISH NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WILL MEET MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, TO DISCUSS THE TURKISH POSITION ON THE REOPENING OF THE BASES. THE MEETING WAS REPORTEDLY PROMPTED BY THE DESIRE OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE IMMEDIATE REOPENING OF THE BASES. THE NSC WILL REPORTEDLY DISCUSS RULES FOR THE FUNCTIONING OF THE BASES. THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WILL ALSO MEET AND DISCUSS THE SAME SUBJECTS. THE COUNCILS REPORTEDLY WILL DEBATE A PAPER PREPARED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THE TURKISH GENERAL STAFF.

4. IN A RELATED ITEM, NEWLY-FOUNDED AYRINTILI HABER SAID THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS ORALLY SUGGESTED TO THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT THAT IT NOT REOPEN THE BASES EVEN WITH A COMPLETE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO. THE ALLEGED " SUGGESTION" CAME AT AN OFFICIAL RECEPTION AND WAS IN THE FORM OF A REMINDER OF ARTICLE 6 OF THE 1972 JOINT STATEMENT FOLLOWING PRESIDENT PODGORNÝ'S VISIT. THE SOVIET OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY POINTED OUT THAT ARTICLE 6 IN THE SOVIET INTERPRETATION LIMITS THE OPERATIONS OF BASES ON TURKISH SOIL AND BY EXTENSION THOSE ALSO OF NATO. AYRINTILI HABER ADDED THAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAD DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THIS SUBJECT.
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